

## House Resolution 88

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of William G. Nordmark III; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of William G. (Bill) Nordmark III on August 13, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, William G. Nordmark III was born on June 20, 1949, in Covington, Kentucky,  
5 a beloved son of the late William G. and Jeanne Nordmark; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, William was an active member of Ebenezer  
7 Baptist Church in Ellijay, Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Vickie, and was blessed with  
9 three remarkable children, William, Joseph, and Amy; and seven wonderful grandchildren;  
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, William overcame many challenges in early life, which included being stricken  
12 with polio at age two and enduring an iron lung and other treatments for the disease's  
13 physical complications; he would go on to be a four-year letterman for the basketball team  
14 at Georgia State University; and
- 15 WHEREAS, as executive vice president of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia and founder  
16 of the Nordmark Consulting Group, William was a respected businessman who gave back  
17 to his community in countless ways, including in his role as president and longtime leader  
18 of the Rotary Club of Atlanta; and
- 19 WHEREAS, troubled by rising tensions between police officers and the African American  
20 community—and what he observed to be a lack of civility in society generally—William  
21 reached out to John Grant, longtime head of 100 Black Men of Atlanta, and together they

22 formed The Atlanta Friendship Initiative in 2016, a forum through which they hoped to  
23 bridge the racial divide, spreading love and fellowship one friendship at a time; and

24 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
26 made this world a better place in which to live; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, William will long be remembered for his  
28 love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing  
29 him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of William G. Nordmark III  
32 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
35 family of William G. Nordmark III.